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# H. R. 808

(S. 103)

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1949

Mr. MILLER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

## A BILL

To increase rates of compensation of the President, Vice President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and heads and assistant heads of executive departments and independent agencies.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 That (a) section 102 of title 3 of the United States Code is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "Compensation of the President

6 "SEC. 102. The President shall receive in full for his  
7 services during the term for which he shall have been elected  
8 compensation in the aggregate amount of \$150,000 a year,

1 to be paid monthly, consisting of \$100,000 for salary and  
2 an expense allowance of \$50,000 to assist in defraying ex-  
3 penses relating to or resulting from the discharge of his  
4 official duties, for which expense allowance no tax liability  
5 shall accrue and for which no accounting shall be made by  
6 him. He shall be entitled also to the use of the furniture  
7 and other effects belonging to the United States and kept in  
8 the Executive Mansion."

9 (b) Section 104 of title 3 of the United States Code  
10 (relating to salary of the Vice President) is amended by  
11 striking out "\$20,000" and inserting in lieu thereof  
12 "\$30,000".

13 (c) Chapter 2 of title 3 of the United States Code is  
14 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new  
15 section:

16 "EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF VICE PRESIDENT

17 "SEC. 111. There shall be paid to the Vice President  
18 in equal monthly installments an expense allowance of  
19 \$10,000 per annum to assist in defraying expenses relat-  
20 ing to or resulting from the discharge of his official duties,  
21 for which no tax liability shall occur or accounting be made  
22 by him."

23 (d) The matter following the semicolon in section 601  
24 (a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as

1 amended, is amended to read as follows: "and the com-  
2 pensation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
3 shall be at the rate of \$30,000 per annum".

4 (e) There shall be paid to the Speaker of the House  
5 of Representatives in equal monthly installments an ex-  
6 pense allowance of \$10,000 per annum (which shall be in  
7 lieu of the allowance provided by section 601 (b) of the  
8 Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended) to  
9 assist in defraying expenses relating to or resulting from  
10 the discharge of his official duties, for which no tax lia-  
11 bility shall occur or accounting be made by him.

12 SEC. 2. The rate of basic compensation of the head  
13 of each executive department and of the Secretary of De-  
14 fense shall be \$25,000 per annum.

15 SEC. 3. (a) The rate of basic compensation of the  
16 Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, the Adminis-  
17 trator for Economic Cooperation, the Comptroller General  
18 of the United States, the Chairman of the Council of Eco-  
19 nomic Advisers, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget,  
20 the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board,  
21 the Federal Security Administrator, the Administrator of  
22 Veterans' Affairs, the Chairman of the Board of Governors  
23 of the Federal Reserve System, each Under Secretary of  
24 an executive department, the Assistant to the Attorney

1 General, the Solicitor General of the United States, and  
2 the First Assistant Postmaster General shall be \$22,500  
3 per annum.

4 (b) Section 105 of title 3 of the United States Code is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "COMPENSATION OF SECRETARIES AND EXECUTIVE, ADMIN-  
7 ISTRATIVE, AND STAFF ASSISTANTS TO PRESIDENT

8 "SEC. 105. The President is authorized to fix the com-  
9 pensation of the six administrative assistants authorized to  
10 be appointed under section 106 of this title, of the Executive  
11 Secretary of the National Security Council, and of five other  
12 secretaries or other immediate staff assistants in the White  
13 House Office as follows: Two at rates not exceeding \$22,500  
14 per annum, three at rates not exceeding \$20,000 per annum,  
15 and seven at rates not exceeding \$17,500 per annum."

16 (c) The first sentence of section 106 of title 3 of the  
17 United States Code is amended to read as follows: "The  
18 President is authorized to appoint not to exceed six admin-  
19 istrative assistants and to fix their compensation in accordance  
20 with section 105 of this title."

21 SEC. 4. (a) The rate of basic compensation of the  
22 Housing and Home Finance Administrator, the Federal  
23 Works Administrator, the members (other than the chair-  
24 man) of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve  
25 System, the members (other than the Chairman) of the

1 Council of Economic Advisers, the members (other than the  
2 Chairman) of the Atomic Energy Commission, the Public  
3 Printer, the Librarian of Congress, the Federal Mediation  
4 and Conciliation Director, the Chairman of the Munitions  
5 Board, the Chairman of the Research and Development  
6 Board, (the Director of Central Intelligence,) the Deputy  
7 Administrator for Economic Cooperation, the Assistant  
8 Comptroller General of the United States, the Assistant Di-  
9 rector of the Bureau of the Budget, the Executive Assistant  
10 Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, and the Assistant Federal  
11 Security Administrator shall be \$20,000 per annum.

12 (b) The first sentence of section 603 of title 28 of  
13 the United States Code (relating to the salary of the  
14 Director of the Administrative Office of the United States  
15 Courts) is amended to read as follows:

16 "The Director shall receive a salary of \$20,000 a  
17 year."

18 SEC. 5. (a) The rate of basic compensation of the  
19 members of the Home Loan Bank Board; the Public Hous-  
20 ing Commissioner; the Federal Housing Commissioner; the  
21 Housing Expediter; the War Assets Administrator; the  
22 Director of Selective Service; the Director of Aeronautical  
23 Research of the National Advisory Committee for Aero-  
24 nautics; the Archivist of the United States; of all members

1 of the Civil Aeronautics Board; the Displaced Persons Com-  
 2 mission; the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank  
 3 of Washington; the Federal Communications Commission;  
 4 the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance  
 5 Corporation (including the Comptroller of the Currency);  
 6 the Federal Power Commission; the Federal Trade  
 7 Commission; the Interstate Commerce Commission; the  
 8 National Labor Relations Board; the National Media-  
 9 tion Board; the Railroad Retirement Board; the Board of  
 10 Directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; the  
 11 Securities and Exchange Commission; the Board of Direc-  
 12 tors of the Tennessee Valley Authority; the Civil Service  
 13 Commission; the United States Maritime Commission; the  
 14 United States Tariff Commission; the Indian Claims Com-  
 15 mission; the War Claims Commission; the Philippine War  
 16 Damage Commission; the Board of Commissioners of the  
 17 District of Columbia; of the General Counsel of the Na-  
 18 tional Labor Relations Board; each Assistant Secretary  
 19 of an executive department (including the Fiscal Assistant  
 20 Secretary of the Treasury); each Assistant Attorney Gen-  
 21 eral; the Assistant Solicitor General of the United States;  
 22 the Counselor of the Department of State; the Second,  
 23 Third, and Fourth Assistant Postmasters General; the As-  
 24 sociate Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director; the  
 25 Deputy Director of Central Intelligence; the Philippine

1 Alien Property Administrator; the Chief Assistant Librarian  
2 of Congress; the Deputy Public Printer; the Architect of  
3 the Capitol; the Assistant Federal Works Administrator;  
4 and of the Governors of Alaska, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands,  
5 and the Panama Canal shall be at the rate of \$17,500 per  
6 annum.

7 (b) The second sentence of section 603 of title 28 of  
8 the United States Code (relating to the compensation of the  
9 Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the United  
10 States Courts) is amended to read as follows: "The Assistant  
11 Director shall receive a salary of \$17,500 per annum."

12 SEC. 6. In any case in which the chairman or other head  
13 of a board or commission, the rate of basic compensation for  
14 members of which is prescribed by section 5 of this Act,  
15 has important duties or responsibilities not imposed upon  
16 other members of such board or commission, the President  
17 is authorized in his discretion to fix the compensation of such  
18 chairman or other head at the rate of \$20,000 per annum.

19 SEC. 7. The foregoing provisions of this Act shall take  
20 effect at noon on January 20, 1949.

21 SEC. 8. (a) Section 304 of the Postal Rate Revision and  
22 Federal Employees Salary Act of 1948 is hereby repealed  
23 effective as of July 3, 1948. No additional compensation  
24 shall be payable by reason of the enactment of this section for  
25 any period prior to the date of enactment of this Act in the

1 case of any person who is not an employee in or under the  
2 municipal government of the District of Columbia on such  
3 date of enactment.

4 (b) Effective as of the first day of the first pay period  
5 which began after June 30, 1948, each of the rates of basic  
6 compensation provided by sections 412 and 415 of the  
7 Foreign Service Act of 1946 (U. S. C., title 22, secs. 867  
8 and 870) which do not exceed \$10,000 are hereby increased  
9 by \$330. No additional compensation shall be payable by  
10 reason of the enactment of this section for any period prior  
11 to the date of enactment of this Act in the case of any person  
12 who is not a Foreign Service officer or a Foreign Service  
13 staff officer or employee on such date.



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